MYSTERIOUS JAPANESE ON BOARD CUNARDER

Three Officers in Party Which Sails From New York for Liverpool on the Umbria.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Among the passengers who sailed for Liverpool today on the Cunarder Umbria were six Japanese, three of them officers, about whom and their mission to England at this time there seems to be some mystery.

The party went aboard the ship late last night, and had not left their staterooms when the ship sailed at 7 o'clock this morning. They would not see newspaper men who sent their cards to them before the ship sailed. The party appears on the passenger list as Capt. M. Asaoka, Japan; Lieut. M. Fuzita, Japan, and k. Uchida, Japan.

The Japanese consul. Saduchidi Uchida, a, said this morning: "I do not know who he is. It is very mysterious. Japanese army and nayal officers are coming from Europe and passing through this country on their way home to join their commands, but there are no officers going to Europe. "I think these gentlemen must be the English and Italian officers who took the new cruisers to the Far East, and delivered them to our government. They have recently reached San Francisco on their return, and would naturally sail from New York, They were entertained hospitalby in Japan, and given a good time, both there and in China. I guess they like Japan so well that they have taken Japanese names to travel under."

ALLENTOWN CONVENTION FAILS TO INSTRUCT

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 19.-Th ALLENTOWN. Pa., March 19.—The Republican county convention was in session exactly twenty minutes today, and elected Col. H C Trexler, of Governor Pennypacker's staff, as national delegate, and A. N. Ulrich as alterate. No instructions were given, but it is known that Colonel Trexler is for Roosevelt's renomination. The Statz delegates elected were Dr. C. S. Martin, William K. Anewalt, Daniel Davis, Samuel J. Evans, and William F. Pascoe.

WOMAN MAY ENLIST IN RUSSIAN INFANTRY

PETERSBURG, March 19.-Mad ame Pusepp, daughter of Colonel Mass moff-Konduroff, has received from the acting Russian minister of war permis-sion to enlist as a private in the First Regiment of Infantry, which will start for the front early next week.

The Most Beautiful of Roses. Gude's American Beauties are the fin-st grown-conceded so by every one.

Presents Him With a "Gondola" of Fruits and Flowers-Response of His Holiness.

ROME, March 19. - Today being St. Joseph's day, the Pope's name-day, his holiness received congratulatory ade whole of Roman clerical society, as is their custom, presented the Pontiff with a basket of selected truits and flowers. The basket represented a Velocity of the portion of the policy of the p netian gondola.

His holiness in thanking the givers made reference to "his beloved Venice," adding: "I pray I shall prove a good helmsman for the bark of St. Peter's."

Read the Standard Brick Co.'s Ad.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., March 19.-The PORT JERVIS, N. Y., March 19.—The ice jam in the Delaware River which did great damage here March 8 is broken. The Erie Railroad dynamiters this afternoon finished blasting with jovite, opening a channel 200 feet wide for a mile down the river. This relieves fears of further damage from big gorges still up the river. At one point blasted the ice was fifty feet thick.

BREAK IN COTTON CONSIDERED TEMPORARY

taly and from abroad. The members to hold their goods at 4 cents, the

Daily Parlor Car to Pinehurst via Seaboard Air Line, leaving Wash-ington at 10:46 a.m. Cafe dining car. Meals a la carte. Ticket office, 14:1 Pennsylvania Avenue.

YOUTHS DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE BROTHERS

Springfield Boys Frequently Passed Each Other in Street. Adopted by Different Persons at an Early Age.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 12.—
Brothers, though they did not know it,
Arthur Rowley and Frank Green, aged
sixteen and seventeen years, respectively, who have been separated since infancy, have passed each other in the
street for years without a suspicion of
relationship. Last night Frank called
upon Arthur and identity was quickly
established. Until a few weeks ago
neither knew of the existence of the
other.

The boys were left orplans at an early
age and each at present bears the name
of adopted parents. Neither knows his
own family name. By chance Arthur
learned that he had an uncle, Edward
L. Cook, in the employ of the Holyoke

Street Railway Company. A few weeks
ago while riding on a Holyoke car intuition prompted him to inquire of the
conductor the name of the motorman.
"Ed Cook," responded the conductor.
Arthur lost no time in making known
his relationship, and in the course of
the conversation which followed the
uncle informed Arthur that he had a
brother living. Cook was unable to tell
his nephew the exact whereabouts of
the brother, but promised to ascertain.
A few deeks
ago Arthur learned the address of his brother and wrote the same
day a letter which reached Frank yesterday. Both brothers were born in
Holyoke. Frank went to school in Holyoke, while Arthur spent his early years
in Easthampton, four miles from Holyoke. For the last six years both have
lived in Springfield.



Easter Millinery

THE joy of the best Easter hat will not be yours if you do not hasten. Milliners can't hurry and do their best work any better than you can. Good reasons for getting Easter Hats here.

Correct Styles. Correct Shades. Correct Shapes. Correct Prices. And Furthermore-Variety and Exclusiveness.

We Do Not Show Two Hats of Same Style.

Each buyer is the sole possessor of the hat she buys-and for her particular attention is paid to the shape, colors, and draping, that it may be in harmony with costumes and her own particular style of beauty. It is this personal touch and individuality that is fast filling our order books. That's why, also, we do not show imported hats unless requested. Our trimmers get their ideas from the creations of renowned designers and combine with these the ideas and suggestions of those by whom the hats are to be worn.

We've No Price Specialty

Except lowest price. Good Hats for as little as they can be made for—that's the rule here always—and we're always below the current local

Let us show you the new shapes: the new blendings and contrasts in colors, and the novel combinations of straws, ribbons, soft, fluffy laces, and chiffons. Let us show them tomorrow—don't wait until every one wants a hat the same time yours must be finished. First come first served here—that's fair, and fair warning, too.

Hats at \$5.00. Hats at \$8.00.

Hats at \$10.00. Hats at \$12.00. Hats at \$15.00. Hats up to \$30.00.

And these at \$1.00 to \$10.00 less than any other hats worthy entering into comparison may be had for elsewhere.

Tomorrow we shall offer at special prices some remarkably good hats in ready-to-wear styles—for both women and children.

new stylish modes, neatly and finished with mings and in the fashionable shades. Regularly priced \$2. SPECIAL tomorrow.

Women's New Style Turbaus, in

fine grade straw; sailor shapes; trimmed, plain band of ribbon, long streamers; natural-color body, with

Children's Plain and Fancy Straw Hats, with large brims; sailor shapes; trimmed with ribbon \$3.50 trimmed bands an Regitarly SPECIAL. 980

Embroidered \$1.95 Linen Waists

They are worth \$3.50. And you cannot find their equal in quality or style in Washington for less than \$3.50.

We got them in a deal involving a number of other kinds and styles, and are offering buyers the same savings we secured.

Nothing is better than linen for waists or suits, And for waists WHITE is the height of fashionable favor.

These waists are trimmed down the front with pretty hand embroidery in novel floral effects—several designs; pleated on each side to the bust; pleated back and bust. Handsome tab stock. These are well made, perfect fitting waists, in which all sizes may be had. Second floor.

Laces and Embroideries.

Values That Will Bring Eager Buyers.

Our lace buyer has been nearly thirty years making trade connections that bring to us such lots of taces and such bargains as these:

Two Lots Embroidery Samples.

These are this season's bet styles, all perfect goods, but because of their being importer's samples, they are offered at lot prices, which are in many cases less than half actual worth.

15c to 30c Kinds,

40c and 50c Kinds, 25c.

Consisting of Edgings, Insertions, and Beadings, in Cambric, Swiss, and Namsook.

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THE BUSY CORNER (Always the Best of Everything for the Least Money)

Of All Spring Wash Goods Chances This Is Your Best.

SALE PRICE

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Choice of Forty-four Different Patterns and Colorings.

THESE are perfect goods. 27 inches wide. Mercerized in the thread. So well mercerized and such perfect and permanent lustre that the chances are that 95 out of every 100 women who see these goods made up will think you are wearing a real silk dress. Patterns are like real silk foulards. Mercerized in the thread also means that goods will not shrink when washed. Fine Shirt Waist Suit styles.

The forty-four different patterns and colorings include: Black and Blue Grounds, with White Dots, in three sizes. White Grounds, with Red, Blue, Brown, Green, and Black Dots, two sizes.
Shepherd Checks, four sizes, in Black and White Effects.
Shepherd Checks in Brown, Blue, Red and Green, medium size. Black or National Blue Grounds, With White Dots, Dashes, Cluster Dots, Dashed Diamonds, or Rings.

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A dozen kinds of the favorite seasonable silks included in the big purchase our buyer made in New York Thursday and Friday last week. These are because of the advantageous prices secured, placed in one big lot at one sale price, although the values vary from 40c to 75c, all go into the sale at 30c.

A few of the varieties are:

20-inch All-Silk Striped Wash Habutal, in good line of colors. 20-inch Plain Black Jap. Corded Wash Silks. 21-inch All-Silk Printed Habutal, in black and white polka dot effects and small, neat designs. 27-inch Plain White Habutal. 30-inch Plain Tussah Pongee. 24-inch Plain Black Habutai Silk. 20-inch Corded Wash Silks, in colors and white. 24-inch All-Silk Plain Black Twilled Messaline.

How's This for a Skirt Bargain?

\$5 Elack Cheviot Walking Skirts, \$3.90

And at that the best skirt that was ever brought into the city to se'll at \$5.00. We found a maker with a surplus of plain skirts on his hands. We said trim them as we want them The skirts go on sale tomorrow. \$3.90, instead of \$5.00.

The cheviot is all wool, and a good black.
Two distinct styles.
Twiloring exceptionally good.
Scams bound and taped.
Ali skirts have web skirt band.
Pull flaring models.
10 rows tailor stitching around bottom.

The Last of the 35c and 40c

Floor Oilcloth, 19c.

It's a marvelous value. One that we've been proud of. 165 full pieces. And now only enough left for to-morrow—and then possibly part of a day. Six good patterns left. The Oilcloth is the famous POTTER'S STAR BRAND—the very best made. We have widths 1, 1½, 1½ yards. The price is by the square yard.

All Alterations Extra. None Sent on Approval.

No Mail Orders.

Trimmings are straps of self material and buttons. One style has bands in vertical panel effect.

The other has vertical bands around at hips and panel bands, with projecting ends around skirt near bottom.

You couldn't invest \$5 better than in one of these skirts, yet because of our timely purchase, \$3.90 will

These Notion Specials for Monday Only.

Strawberry Silk Em- 3c | Kann's Moire Dress Shields. Size 2 3 4 Pair14c 16c 18e

do the work of \$5.

Kann's Lightweight Dress Shields: Size 2 3 4 Pair18c 21c 24c Kann's Luxus Antiseptic Dress Shields; can be washed and 'rone's Size ... 2 3 4 5 Pair ...14c 16c 18c 20c 10c card Pearl Shirt 5c | Spoon J. J. Clark's 20 200-yard cotton..... 2c

5c Hair Pin Cabinets, 3c Mercerized Crochet 2c Thread, spool...... 2c Sanitary Safety Pins—will never rust; regularly 3c. 4c, and 5c, a dozen. 5c Sale, 2 dozen.......5c

Black Sewing Sifk, a 1c spool, only...... 1

Just a few dozen of our own 6-cord Machine Cotton left, worth 5c a spool. While it 212 lasts at a spool....22 Charm No. 1 Silk Chiffon Collar Founda-tions; regular 10c 6c

Chiffon Stock Collar Foundation, with ruching top............15° 4-yard pieces of Feather-stitched Braid, 21c

Table Oilcloth, 12½c. $(1\frac{1}{4}$ yands wide.)

Large enough for any table, and wide enough for every purpose wanted.

We were fortunate in getting 2,500 yards at a price considerably less than usual. This goes on sale tomorrow at 125c a yard, which gives the buyers the same saving we secured. Good, heavy cloth. A variety of good patterns,

Third floor—Housefurnishing Department.



Dress Goods

Desirable Kinds at Cut Price.

If low prices and good merchandise will get your trade we are go-

Black Dress Goods.

75c Black Crepe-finished Albatro 46 inches wide; a splendid material for spring. A yard, 590

75c Black Sicilian Mohair; excellent cloth; strong and durable; 50 inches wide. Special. 65c yard......

\$2.49 Imported Black Broadcleth, a grade we've sold for years. Toniorrow only, \$1.98

Colored Dress Goods.

59c All-wool Cheviot, in black and royal and navy blue; a fine cloth. Special, a yard...450

44-inch French Voile at 75c.

Of woolen fabrics used for spring gowns, French Voile is preferred above all. In the new arrivals we have one lot which includes black, cream, sliver and dove gray, champagne, royal, navy, brown, and reseds, which we can offer at a large saving, and at the very low price of, a yard, 75c.

\$1.25 Crepe de Paris, 98c.

Silk and wool-46 inches wide. Choice of all the new shades for

Specials in Cream Fabrics.

\$1.00 Crepe Etamine (45-in)......59c

\$1.49 Silk and Wool Eolienne \$1.25 | 75c Storm Serge, cream or 59c (45-in.) | 75c Voile, in cream or white 69c (42-in.) | \$3.25 Broadcloth, cream or \$2.98 | \$4.40 Silk and Wool Eolienne | \$4.25 Storm Serge, cream or \$4.98 | \$4.40 Silk and Wool Eolienne | \$4.25 Storm Serge, cream or \$4.98 Silk and Wool Eolienne | \$4.25 Storm Serge, cream or \$4.25 Storm Serge, cream

50c Stockings, 35c.

New All-over Lace Patterns.

Three pairs for \$1.00. Novelty and fanciful effects are back. And lots of new rich shades.

Brown is the best and the newest. Several of the richest colors you ever saw. And patterns fully as delightful.

Plain shades, of course. All white. All brown (many shades). All black.

All champagne. All tan. Also a number of new designs in lace, boot, or ankle styles, preferred by some women. They come in black only,

We say 35c instead of 50c because they cost us less. Every pair our own direct importation. Just received, Some patterns go on sale tomorrow for the first time.

36-inch Cambric, 9c.

Worth 121/2c. And if the one who sold it to us was not in financial difficulty we could not offer it at this price. Had two cases and buyers had to wait in turn.

This is the last lot to be had.

Fine threads, soft kid inish, very strong, no harmful dressing; just the material for fine ha d-made lingerie and children's garments; Lonsdale that you like so well is no better; 36 inches wide, remember; and only one case. 9c a yard instead of 124.6.

First floor—Domestic section.

NEAR HALF PRICE.

59 cents

Worth \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Umbrellas

\$1.00

Umbrellas

Worth \$1.50 to \$3.00,

For choice of Umbrellas

Worth \$3.00 to \$5.00,

5c-Value, 8c. 1%-inch All-silk Fine Quality Black Taffeta Ribbons

> 4c - Value, 6c. ½-inch Satin Back Velvet Ribbons, in a large va-riety of the favorite colors for dress trim-ming, and good black 10-yard pieces for 35c.

3c-Value 6c.

1-inch Pure Silk, Extra Quality Black Taffeta Ribbons

21c-Value, 29c. 41/2-inch Ribbons, pure silk; bright, lustrous finish. Hard to find their equal at our reg-

ular price. 17c-Value, 29c.

4-inch Extra Quality Brilliant Black Taffeta Ribbons. All pure silk. Exceptional value at the regular price. Rare bargain at the cut price, 17c.

direct importations are included in these very low-priced lots. These are only part of the offerings. 10c-Value, 15c. These are 2 and 3½ inch Ribbons, in plain, high luster Taffetas and fan-cy striped Ribbons; the lot embracing every good spring and sum-shade.

Watch the crowd about the ribbon booths-a good indication of the craze for ribbons. Many of our

10c-Value, 12½c. 3-inch Pure Silk Black Taffeta Ribbons.

8c-Value, 12½c. 3-inch Fancy Stripe Rib-bons, in all the good colors and combina-tions. 121c-Value, 17c. Wonderful value in 31/2 and 4-inch Plain Taffetas and Fancy Ribbons, of various kinds; all in the best of new spring

25c-Value, 35c. Brilliant Black Moire Antique Ribbons, of extra fine quality, and in widths 4½ to 6 inches.

shades.

MATTINGS

Once again-fine grade cotton warp Jap. Mattings in real carpet patterns, blue, green, red, and golden brown shade,

35c and 40c Grades, 19c.

Best Lin Tan 116-warp seamless China Matting, double corded selvage, in small plaid check, block and stripe designs. Special 29c